

Safety Committee  
March 19, 2007  
6:00 PM

## **MINUTES**

Mr. Donahue called the meeting to order. Present for roll call was Dr. Bender, Mr. Paini, and Mr. Donahue. Also in attendance were Jennifer Caswell; Community Center and Mayor Miller and other members of council.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Dr. Bender moved to approve the February 19, 2007 Safety Committee minutes and was seconded by Mr. Donahue.

**VOTE:**       **AYES:**       **Dr. Bender, and Mr. Donahue.**  
                  **NAYS:**  
                  **ABSTAIN:**       **Mr. Paini**

### **Resolved Items:**

#### **New Items for Discussion:**

##### **02-07 An Ordinance to make No Parking on the North side of Canal Street**

Mr. Peoples said they have had many complaints from the local businesses about truck traffic on the road being in conflict with drop off and pick up traffic at another business. Trucks coming out have to dodge the parents dropping off or picking up children at the school. By eliminating parking on the north side of Canal Street it would eliminate some of the cross over traffic. He stated that tech review did suggest two entrances into the school, but the school argued that they only needed one and Planning and Zoning decided they only needed one and this has caused a problem with traffic flow through the business. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Paini moved to forward this ordinance to full council and was seconded by Dr. Bender. All ayes, motion carried. Sponsor: Mr. Paini

**VOTE:**       **AYES:**       **Mr. Paini, Dr. Bender, and Mr. Donahue.**  
                  **NAYS:**

### **Pended Items:**

##### **05-11 Dietz Drive at Gender Road**

The Pfeifer road diet was not definitive in its results and the residents did not like it. Mr. Peoples said he would not suggest doing this on Dietz. It did reduce the speed, however it only took it from 27.3 to 26.9 miles per hour. A speed study will be done when the weather breaks and Mr. Donahue feels a line down the middle of the road is needed and Sgt. Kern agreed that a center line is needed. Discussion ensued.

##### **05-13 Pfeifer Drive Request for Speed Bumps.**

Stripes are down; they are now observing the area to see if this helps the speeding problem.

## **06-18 Police Contract**

Chief Knight stated they visited the potential bidders on February 15, 2007 and interviewed them about their proposals. After interviewing all of them they believe that the proposal submitted by the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office is the best of the three proposals received. It assures the lowest personnel costs, provides the greatest detail about the law enforcement services Canal Winchester can expect to receive, it demonstrates the provider agencies sustained commitment to community oriented policing; and it obviates the need and potential expense to re-direct 9-1-1 calls from Canal Winchester now being received and processed by the Fairfield County Sheriff's communications center. Chief Knight stated that they also recommend that the Village consider including in any future agreement a specification of the records to be maintained by the provider agency concerning the performance of police service, with copies provided to the Village as they may agree; and specific language dealing with legal contingencies, including liability protection for the Village by the police service provider. Discussion ensued.

Rick Deeds addressed committee and stated that the Villages at Westchester Home Owners Association want to make sure that the mowing of the passive park on Dietz is in the budget because it is not included in the Associations budget. The path that was mowed only along the creek this past year created a lot of allergies and other debris because the entire area use to be mowed. He also said that at one point in time it was discussed to have a gazebo or something on the lot at the corner of Dietz and Ashbrook Drive. He said the homeowners association was looking at putting some kind of entrance feature in that area and asked if there was something they could work out. Discussion ensued. Mr. Deeds also voiced his support for Fairfield County Sheriff's Department for the Village's police protection.

Pat Doherty voiced her support for Fairfield County Sheriff as our continued police protection. She went on to talk about the deputies who serve our community and the awards they have received and their dedication to our community.

Jim Boenlein of 6320 Rossmore Lane stated he is concerned about the lack of lighting at Thrush & Groveport Road and Washington & Dietz.

Mike Gust and Pat Doherty petitioned and received signatures in support of retaining the Fairfield County Sheriff's department as the police protection for the Village.

Mr. Paini moved to forward a recommendation to full council that we retain the Fairfield Sheriff's Department for the next three years. Dr. Bender seconded the motion. All ayes, motion carried.

**VOTE:           AYES:           Mr. Paini, Dr. Bender, and Mr. Donahue.**  
**NAYS:**

## **New Items for Discussion:**

### **Fairfield County Sheriff's Report:**

Sgt. Kern will wait to give his report at full council.

### **Community Center Report:**

Nothing to report.

**Old/New Business:**

Mr. Donahue said he received a communication regarding the double right turn off of US 33 onto Gender and can both people turn right on red. Sgt. Kern said only the curb lane can make that right on red. Mr. Donahue brought up the rotting wood on the covered bridge and asked if it should come to the safety committee or some other committee. Ms. Mershon stated that she thought the bridge was turned over to the village at the time of the last renovation.

**Adjournment:**

Dr. Bender moved to adjourn this meeting of the safety committee and was seconded by Mr. Paini.

**VOTE:           AYES:           Dr. Bender, Mr. Paini, and Mr. Donahue.**

**NAYS:**

Meeting adjourned